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URBAN DISTRICT OF MATLOCK.

A N N U A L R E P O R T.

- of the -

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

G.L. Meachim, M.B., Ch.B.

for the year

1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the Matlock Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health, on the sanitary circumstances and vital statistics affecting the Urban District of Matlock for the year 1948.

A survey of the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during the year encourages the belief that these occurrences will dwindle into insignificance in the not very distant future. Not one single case of diphtheria has to be recorded, which reflects great credit on the means employed for its prevention, and that immunisation bears the stamp of unqualified success. The complete absence of notification must not lull us into a sense of security which may well prove false if parents do not cooperate in securing the means available for prevention. No cases of Acute Poliomyelitis have occurred in this district, which gives cause for satisfaction. Scarlet Fever has been more prevalent than in previous years but is of a very mild type. Only one case of Puerperal Pyrexia reflects credit on the improved care of the expectant mother and also the efficiency of the sulphonamides and penicillin treatment.

It is unfortunate that we have to record so many cases of Measles, but fortunate that all cases were of a mild type and approximately only one third in number of last year's. The number of cases of Whooping Cough coincides curiously enough with that of 1947 and also the largest number in the age groups 1 to 5. Prevention of this disease has not yet revealed that immunisation has attained a sufficient measure of success to warrant the issue of facilities on the lines adopted for diphtheria. Research is being conducted and it is hoped that ultimately it will be possible to start preventitive measures with the same promise of success.

There have been, however, no deaths from any infectious diseases and what complications have occurred in certain cases have left no ill effects which are permanent, which serves to show that a normal healthy child in the Matlock U.D.C. can face an attack either of Whooping Cough or Measles hopefully, and can expect not only to recover, but that recovery will be complete.

A more sombre and less hopeful outlook is the number afflicted with heart disease and circulatory breakdown, excluding rheumatic fever which fortunately accounts for only four deaths from heart disease, the number of deaths from heart disease constitute the highest proportion. Whilst allowing for the contingency that life can be shortened, or ill health can be prematurely encouraged by injudicious habits, we must acknowledge that the speed of modern life does increase wear and tear.

There has been no outbreak of food poisoning, which in a district like Matlock, catering as it does for thousands of visitors during the hottest months of the year, reflects nothing but credit on those who prepare meals. The value of the ordinary rules of cleanliness cannot be over emphasised. Storing of food in clean and cool surroundings, the careful washing of utensils and strict personal attention, in particular frequent thorough washing of hands, and prompt treatment of cuts or abrasions to prevent sepsis.

Ranking in importance with the provision of an adequate supply of pure air is the imperative requisition of gathering grounds for the provision of water which is both pure and plentiful. This is a big task requiring constant forethought and vigilance. The certainty that present supplies are totally inadequate and that future demands will be even still greater, is more than matched by the uncertainty of the rainfall. One cannot forecast what future requirements will be. The number of gallons used per day can only be approximate and will inevitably go on increasing, for greater personal cleanliness, for industrial purposes, and lastly but by no means least for agricultural requirements.

Whilst appreciating the help given by all Departments, thanks are specially due to members of the Health Committee, for their sustained interest and help, to the Sanitary Inspector and Water Engineer, and their respective staffs, for their ever-ready and wholehearted cooperation.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Registrar-General's Estimate of Population Mid 1948	18,100
Population Census 1921	15,716
Population Census 1931	16,596
Area in Acres	16,598
Rateable Value	£119,800
Product of Penny Rate	£440

		Male.	Female.	Total.
Live Births:-	Total	167	167	334
	Legitimate	160	158	318
	Illegitimate	7	9	16
Still Births:-	Total	4	3	7
	Legitimate	4	3	7
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
Deaths all Ages:-		104	93	197
Deaths of Infants Under 1 Year of Age:-				
	Total	6	1	7
	Legitimate	6	1	7
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

Birth Rate is 18.45 per 1,000 population

Death Rate is 10.88 per 1,000 population

Death Rate, Diarrhoeal Diseases (under 2 years) NIL

Phthisis Death Rate .28 per 1,000 population

Respiratory Death Rate 1.10 per 1,000 population

Infantile Death Rate 20.96 per 1,000 Births

Death Rate, Legitimate Infants 22.01 per 1,000 legitimate live Births

Death Rate, Illegitimate Infants, NIL

TABLE OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY FOR 8 YEARS.

	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Birth Rate	14.92	15.94	17.51	19.9	16.1	19.12	21.64	18.45
Death Rate all causes	12.15	11.99	12.56	12.5	12.0	14.21	13.55	10.88
Deaths under 1 year - all causes per 1,000 live births	54.94	47.44	30.30	44.6	29.9	43.34	27.10	20.96

TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF NEW TUBERCULOSIS CASES IN MATLOCK AREA.

TUBERCULOSIS	NEW CASES.				MORTALITY.			
Age Period.	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
5	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
15	-	4	1	1	-	1	-	-
25	3	3	-	-	1	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
45	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
55	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4	7	2	4	3	2	1	1

Causes of Death (Civilians only)	Males	Females	Total
1. Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-	-
2. Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	3	2	5
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	-	-
8. Syphilitic Diseases	-	-	-
9. Influenza	-	-	-
10. Measles	-	-	-
11. Acute Polio Myelitis & Encephalitis	-	-	-
12. Acute Infantile Encephalitis	-	-	-
13. Cancer of buc; cav & oesph; (M) uterus (F)	1	1	2
14. Cancer of Stomach	1	3	4
15. Cancer of Breast	-	4	4
16. Cancer of all other sites	8	7	15
17. Diabetes	1	-	1
18. Intracanial vascular lesions	12	13	25
19. Heart Disease	44	34	78
20. Other diseases of circulatory system	6	3	9
21. Bronchitis	9	2	11
22. Pneumonia	4	1	5
23. Other Respiratory Diseases	4	-	4
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	-	2	2
25. Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	-	-	-
26. Appendicitis	-	1	1
27. Other digestive diseases	1	5	6
28. Nephritis	2	2	4
29. Puerperal and post-abort. Sepsis	-	-	-
30. Other maternal causes	-	-	-
31. Premature birth	2	1	3
32. Congenital Mal.birth ing.infant dis.	1	-	1
33. Suicide	-	-	-
34. Road Traffic Accidents	-	-	-
35. Other violent causes	2	1	3
36. All other causes	3	11	14
Total Deaths, all causes	104	93	197

TABLE SHOWING CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS AS COMPARED WITH OTHER CENTRES IN ENGLAND AND WALES.

	England and Wales	126 County Boroughs & Great Towns including London	148 Smaller Towns Resident Population 25,000-50,000	London Administrative County	Matlock U.D.C.
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 population)	17.9	20.0	19.2	20.1	18.45
Death Rate (per 1,000 population)	10.8	11.6	10.7	11.6	10.88
Infant Mortality (Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live Births)	34.0	39.0	32.0	31.0	20.96

FORM NO.1.

MATLOCK District.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cases notified during 1948	Number of Cases Notified.	Removed to Hospital.
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary	15	9
do - Other Forms	6	1
Smallpox:-		
No. vaccinated and re-vaccinated	-	-
No. vaccinated in infancy	-	-
No. vaccinated	-	-
Scarlet Fever	31	3
Diphtheria	NIL	NIL
Enteric Fever:-		
Typhoid	NIL	NIL
Para-typhoid	NIL	NIL
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1
Cerebro-spinal Fever	NIL	-
Erysipelas	NIL	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	NIL	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	NIL	-
Acute Polio-Myelitis	NIL	NIL
Pneumonia	6	1
Measles	73	-
Whooping Cough	24	-

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES DURING 1948.

AGE GROUPS.

MATLOCK District.

Disease.	Under One year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	60-	TOTAL.
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1		3	-	3	9	14	-	-	1	-	-	31
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever:-													
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Para-typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Pneumonia	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	6
Other diseases generally notifiable:-													
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	3	7	9	13	15	13	11	1	-	-	1	-	73
Whooping Cough	-	2	1	2	4	8	6	-	-	1	-	-	24
Dysentery.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases notifiable locally	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Factories Act, 1937.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspector).

	Number on Register	Inspections.	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	37	22	6	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) to which Section 7 applies				
(a) Subject to the Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcement) Order, 1938,	127	52	12	-
(b) Others	-	-	-	-
(3) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	164	74	18	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

	No. of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	2	2	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	3	3	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	7	7	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	2	1	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
	18	17	-	-	-

Town Hall,
Matlock.

November 1949.

G.L. MEACHIM,

Medical Officer of Health.

URBAN DISTRICT OF MATLOCK.

A N N U A L R E P O R T.

- of the -

SANITARY INSPECTOR

C.R.Lill,M.R.San.I.M.S.I.A.

for the year

1948.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR

MATLOCK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL 1948

Chairman of the Council.

Councillor J.S.Wain, J.P.

Vice Chairman.

Councillor F.R.Rhodes

Health Committee.

Chairman: Councillor J.Turner

Councillors: J.Allen

Mrs A.M.Greatorex

E.B. MacGregor

G.T.D.Osborne

F.R. Rhodes

G.F. Slade

T. Smith

E.C. Stevens

J.S. Wain

Mrs L. Wright

Representatives Haddon Isolation Hospital Committee.
Until 30 June 1948.

Councillors:- Mrs A.M.Greatorex, T.Neville, T.Smith
H.L.Westerman, J.S.Wain, Mrs L.Wright.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health:-

G.Leslie Meachim M.B., Ch.B.

Sanitary Inspector:-

C.Raymond Lill, M.R.San I., M.S.I.A.

Housing Assistant:-

R.G.Childs

Clerk:-

A.S.Duncan.

Statistical Summary.

Rateable Value of General Rate at 31/3/1948	£119,800
Estimated product of a Penny Rate 1948-49	£440
Area of District	16,598 acres
Population (Estimated Mid 1948)	18,100
No. of inhabited houses	4949
Rainfall	31.76 inches

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee,

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is again my privilege to present the Annual Report of this Department for 1948.

To facilitate comparison the statistics and other details are given under the various headings relating to the Public Health and Cleansing Service of the Area. The Report is set out in accordance with official circular issued by the Ministry of Health.

As in previous years the activities of the Department have been carried out with zeal, notwithstanding the great difficulty which is still experienced as to materials and labour. Every endeavour has been made to provide efficient service.

I have to thank the Chairman and the Health Committee and Officials of other Departments for the help and consideration which has in no small measure contributed to the work carried out.

The Sanitary Officers Order 1935 requires Sanitary Officers as soon as possible after 31st December in each year to furnish the Medical Officer of Health and the County Council with a report upon their work during the year in the following form:-

Name of Inspector: C.R.Lill

Area of District: 16598 Estimated No of Houses: 4949

New Houses Erected 1948:-
(A) By Local Authority: 46 (B) Private Enterprise: 7

By L.A. Conversion to Flats: 9 Private Enterprise Conversion to Flats: 21

	Number of Inspections made by Sanitary Inspector	Number of Notices Served. Informal	Legal	Number of Nuisances Abated with or without Notice.
CLOSETS AND ASHPITS:-				
Defective Privies, Pail Closets & Ashpits (not for conversion)	16	8	-	7
Conversion of Privies into W.C.'s	26	10	-	12
Conversion of Pail Closets into W.C.'s	37	8	-	14
Conversion of Privies into Pail Closets	4	4	-	4
Defective Water Closets	44	18	-	18
Provision of Additional Water Closets	11	4	-	8
Provision of Portable Ashbins	437	-	333	437
Dirty Closets	8	6	-	6
DRAINAGE:-				
No Disconnection of Waste Pipe	5	5	-	5
Defective Waste Pipe, Traps, Inlets & Drains	127	61	-	68
Drains obstructed	127	66	-	66
OTHER DEFECTS:-				
Paving of Courts and Yards	31	19	-	21
Roofs, Eaves-Spouts & Down-Spouts	76	42	-	45
Sinks	22	9	-	13
Insufficient Ventilation	5	4	-	5
Windows	8	6	-	4
Dampness	41	18	-	13
Water in Cellars	13	3	-	3
Water Supply	31	5	-	14
Overcrowding	6	2	-	2
Foul Condition of Houses	9	4	-	6
Offensive Accumulations	4	4	-	4
Animals improperly kept	1	1	-	-
Pigsties	27	15	-	15
Smoke Nuisances	7	3	-	1
Urinals	3	3	-	3
Nuisances not specified above	520	163	-	144
Totals:	1646	421	333	936
Miscellaneous Inspections not included in above but including Rat Infestation, Housing & Shops.	2908			
	4554			

	Number on Register.	Inspections Made.	Notices Served.	Nuisances Abated with or without Notices.
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	342	322	83	54
Bakehouses	19	35	12	12
Slaughterhouses	11	19	5	5
Offensive Trades	1	3	1	1
Common Lodging-houses	-	-	-	-
Totals:	362	379	101	72

Factories Acts, 1937 & 1948.

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Premises	Number on Register	Inspections.	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	37	22	6	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) to which Section 7 applies				
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(b) Others	-	-	-	-
(3) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
	164	74	18	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found. Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	2	2	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	3	3	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	7	7	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	2	1	-	-	-
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	18	17	-	-	-

OUTWORK. Nature of Work.	No. of out-workers in August list reqd by Section 110(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions.
Wearing apparel Making Etc.	19	-	-	-	-	-

Additional Inspections.

Shop Inspections	32
Factories & Workshops	50
Fried Fish & Chip Shops	22
Ice Cream Shops, etc.	67
Bakehouses	35

Milk Supply

Samples Taken:-

Methylene Blue Test	125
Phosphatase	32

Refuse Collection & Disposal.

Controlled & other Tips	227
Refuse Collection	289

Water Supply.

Private Samples Taken	15
Chemical	1
Bacteriological	14

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

A weekly collection of House and Trade Refuse commenced in April of this year and pail closet collection is now done completely during the night hours, this has eradicated numerous complaints and given cause for satisfaction throughout the District. This work, along with special paper, trade waste and house refuse collection, is being done by the Council's own fleet of five Karrier Bantam collecting vehicles, one of which is equipped with a special tank for night soil collection.

In October of this year, owing to the introduction of a 44 hour 5 day week, it was necessary to reorganise the House Refuse Collection Districts to fit the new conditions. Whilst the efficient running of this on occasion has been disorganised by illness and vehicle breakdowns, it has on the whole proved itself and worked satisfactorily both I think to the Ratepayers and to your employees on this service.

This Department is responsible for collecting 5254 ash bins and pail closets.

The whole of the District's house and trade refuse is disposed of by Controlled Tipping at the Dimple Farm Tip, with the exception of two loads per week from Bonsall, this being deposited on the Tip at Brightgate.

The income from salvage sorted from refuse at the Controlled Tip during 1948 was £235 0s 7d.

SALVAGE.

The need for recovery of waste materials, waste paper in particular, remains as vital as ever and we are told by the Board of Trade that its importance in the economic recovery of the country cannot be over estimated. It is with this in mind that the Department has made all out endeavours to collect the maximum amount and whilst still the tonnage is not up to target figure we have made steady progress through the year, as will be seen from the table given.

It is of the utmost importance that this progress be maintained and improved during 1949.

TABLE OF SALVAGE INCOME.

	Tons Paper	Income Paper	Tons all Salvage	Income all Salvage.	
1940/41	165	673	253	897	
1941/42	178	302	238	935	
1942/43	171	1135	250	1339	
1943/44	117	771	190	955	
1944/45	109	720	126	759	
1945/46	93	594	101	629	
1946/47	83	529	82	550	
1947/48	104	687	114	803	
1948/49	127	988	132	1027	9 months only.
	1147	£6899	1498	£7894	

It is interesting to note that at the end of this financial year ending 31 March 1949 we shall have topped the peak figures raised in 1942/43.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD AND MILK SUPPLY.

Milk, Cowsheds and Dairies.

The whole of the milk supply to the District is produced locally, either in the Urban District or adjoining Rural areas and the supply has been well maintained.

During the year four milk rounds have been taken over by Messrs E.Nightingale and Son of Wirksworth and the milk is returned to Matlock as bottled pasteurised milk. This is very satisfactory as by pasteurisation we are ensured of a safe milk in those areas of supply.

322 Inspections have been made during the year and whilst a card index has now been completed of all Cowkeepers, Dairymen and Purveyors of Milk, it has not yet been possible to finish a survey of all farms with a view to improving conditions of milk production at some of the bad premises. This will be no easy matter owing to the unsatisfactory operation of the Milk and Dairies Acts and Orders, added to the difficult labour and material position still existing. However the Department keeps trying and six milk producers have carried out substantial improvements to their premises during the year, and a number are in hand, it is hoped for improvement this year.

Sampling.

125 Samples of Milk were taken during 1948 and submitted to the County Bacteriologist for examination, of these 25 samples were unsatisfactory.

The results in all cases are notified to the purveyors and usually followed up by an inspection with a view to remedial measures being taken to improve cleanliness in production methods.

Number of Cowkeepers on Register	136
Number of Retail Purveyors	82
Number of Licensed Producers Accredited	23
Number of Licensed Producers T.T.	6
Number of Heat Treatment Licenses	1
Number of Supplementary Licenses	1

MEAT.

The following schedule shows the meat inspected at the Bakewell Slaughterhouse where 48 visits were made for this purpose.

Apart from pigs, chiefly under the Self Supplier Pig Scheme, no slaughtering is done locally.

Meat is allocated at Bakewell and delivered to the local butchers by van and whilst the improvement in vehicles remarked upon last year has been reasonably maintained, the careless handling of unprotected meat during delivery is grievous to see and should be the occasion of a great drive by the appropriate Ministries during 1949 to remove this grave cause for concern by the consuming public, Medical Officers, and Sanitary Inspectors all over the Country. By stricter supervision of their meat handlers and provision of clean protective clothing for those engaged in this work a great improvement could be made and surely this is not too much to ask from a Government Department which should be setting a good example to other food handlers, not adding to the numerous difficulties which the Sanitary Inspector already has in persuading persons in the food trade to use decent hygienic methods in their businesses.

MEAT INSPECTION UNDER THE CENTRAL SCHEME.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	CATTLE	CALVES	SHEEP AND LAMBS	PIGS	TOTAL
Number Inspected	507	32	1422	3	1964
All diseases except Tuberculosis:-					
1.A. Whole carcases condemned	1				
2.B. Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	111		16		
3.C. Parts of organs	71				
4. Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis.(Excluding C).	21.89%				
Tuberculosis only:-					
5.A. Whole carcases condemned	7				
6.B. Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	185		7		
7.C. Total organs affected excl.B	424				
8. Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	36.48%				
Total carcases, parts and organs condemned Nos 1,2,3,5 & 7	614		23	3	640

NOTE:- Pigs are not normally slaughtered on my Inspection Day.

There were 25 Licensed Slaughtermen on the Register at the end of 1948.

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF FOODSTUFFS.

62 Certificates of Voluntary Surrender of Foodstuffs unfit for human consumption have been issued to Traders during the year.

OTHER FOODS.

Food and Drugs Act 1938.

Registration.

Manufacture of Ice Cream	3
Sale of Ice Cream Only	35

A survey has now been completed of all shops in the District and a card index formed. This is now being divided under the various headings and it is hoped during 1949 that all the necessary registrations under the above Act will be completed.

The number and type of shops visited might be of interest and is appended at the end of this section. Certain shop premises will be revisited during the next year with a view to omissions etc., in sanitary arrangements being rectified.

Three premises have been altered and improved to enable registration being effected for manufacture of ice cream and local ice cream vehicles have been further improved by the addition of hot and cold water and sinks being provided, and it is expected that all these local owned vehicles will be so provided during 1949.

List of Shops.

Bazaars	1	Hairdressers	13
Boots & Shoes	21	Hardware	13
Builders Merchants	1	Motor Cycles & Cycles	7
Butchers	21	Miscellaneous	4
Chemists	7	Newsagents & Fancy Goods	28
China & Glass	3	Off Licenses	7
Clothing	41	Opticians	2
Dyers & Cleaners	3	Paint & Wallpaper	3
Fish & Chip Fryers	9	Photographers	2
Furniture	7	Radio	10
Greengrocers, Wet Fish	14	Snack Bars	6
Grocers, Confectioners	101	Watchmakers & Jewellers	3

BAKEHOUSES.

Number on Register 18

35 visits were made, requests have been made for cleansing, sanitary and repair work, which has been carried out when asked for.

FISH & CHIP SHOPS.

Number on Register 9

22 visits were made. Substantial work has been completed to improve two preparation rooms and is in hand in the case of one other. As a general rule these premises have been maintained up to a decent standard and operated under hygienic conditions. One new business in Matlock Bank has been approved and its premises brought up to regulation standard. One mobile fish and chip vehicle has also been approved for operation in the District. Another new business was approved at Rowsley, subject to alterations, but this is not yet operating.

ICE CREAM.

During the year three firms have brought their manufacturing premises up to the standard presented in your Standard Code of Practice made under Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulation 1947, and have been registered as Manufacturers, the remaining 35 shops selling ice cream are registered as Vendors only.

67 Visits were made to these premises.
5 Samples were taken.

LICENSED PREMISES.

I am pleased to report that representation to the appropriate Brewers has obtained substantial improvement to the public and private sanitary conveniences at two licensed premises and negotiations are in hand for decided improvements in the sanitary arrangements etc., at five others, with I might say the very willing cooperation of the various companies concerned.

HOUSING.

204 inspections have been made in response to complaints received, as a check on applications for Council houses and in the ordinary course of inspections about the District, and I would again say that great difficulty is still experienced in getting repaired urgent housing defects. Scarcity of materials, shortage of labour, high costs and low rents are all contributing to the very neglected condition of a host of properties in the District, and it is my firm conviction that until some easing of the burden on landlords shoulders is allowed, the appalling condition in property will continue, providing us again with the need for increased building of new houses to replace those which under this treatment are bound ultimately to require dealing with under Domolition and Clearance Orders.

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE.

Factories on Register	164
Inspections made	74

Inspection of Factories has only been done on a small scale this year, a few defects were found, such as want of decoration, inadequate ventilation and insufficient or unsuitable sanitary arrangements, these were remedied. I would say that generally the factories in the District are worked under reasonable conditions as regards operations controllable by the Local Authority.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

(1) No. of portable dustbins emptied by Council	5254	(4) Water closets	3991
(2) Premises visited for waste paper	165	(5) Pail & earth Closets	1110
(3) Pail closets emptied by Council	703	(6) Cesspools in Area	39

Conversions.

Number of pails & privies converted to W.C.	26
Number of Privies converted to Pail Closets	4

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION ACT 1919.

As a follow up to the detailed survey of all sewers in the District in connection with treatment for rat infestation as detailed by the Ministry, test baiting has been carried out on two occasions during 1948 and the results were satisfactory, no infestations having been discovered. A general oversight to all Council property, particularly refuse tips, has been maintained during the year and the Rodent Operative's Monthly Reports show a clean bill in this respect. River banks and various works and properties in their vicinity have also been inspected and in general no major infestation has occurred. An inspection of the District by the Rodent Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries proved that the organisation in this District appears to be sufficiently adequate to carry out effective rodent control and provided this is maintained your Council will be eligible for the 50% grant as outlined in the L.A. Circular No.N.S. 19.

PERSONAL.

In conclusion I should thank the staff of this Department, both inside and out, for the loyal manner in which they have carried out their various duties.

I remain Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
C.R.Lill,
Sanitary Inspector.

Appended are Forms 1 and 2, Infectious and Notifiable Diseases.

FORM No. 1.

MATLOCK District.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cases notified during 1948.

	Number of cases: Notified.	Removed to Hospital.
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary	15	9
do - Other Forms	6	1
Smallpox:-		
No. vaccinated and re-vaccinated		
No. vaccinated in infancy		
No. unvaccinated		
Scarlet Fever	31	3
Diphtheria	1	1
Enteric Fever:-		
Typhoid	NIL	
Para-typhoid	NIL	
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1
Cerebro-spinal Fever	NIL	
Erysipelas	NIL	
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	NIL	
Encephalitis Lethargica	NIL	
Acute Polio-Myelitis	NIL	
Pneumonia	6	1
Measles	73	
Whooping Cough	24	
Other diseases (specifying them):-		

YEAR 1948.

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES DURING 1948

AGE GROUPS.

MATLOCK District.

Disease.	Under one year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	60-	TOTAL.
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	3	-	3	9	14	-	-	1	-	-	31
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Enteric Fever:-													
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Para-typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Pneumonia	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	6
Measles	3	7	9	13	15	13	11	1	-	-	1	-	73
Other diseases generally notifiable:-													
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	2	1	2	4	8	6	-	-	1	-	-	24
Other diseases notifiable locally	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-